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REQUIRED PORT TRANSIT TUG ESCORTS

This Port Community Information Bulletin (PCIB) cancels PCIB 17-01 requiring ships carrying cargoes of particular hazard to have tug escorts starting at Tampa Bay Cut "F".

After careful consideration and input from industry, the Captain of the Port (COTP) has determined that inbound ships carrying anhydrous ammonia or liquid petroleum gas (LPG), are required to have tug escorts starting at the south end of Hillsborough Cut "C", and terminating at the vessel's berth. Outbound vessels carrying anhydrous ammonia or LPG are required to have a tug escort from berth to the south end of Hillsborough Cut "C". Tug escorts are not required for U.S. flag anhydrous ammonia and LPG vessel/barge traffic on a domestic route.

All tug escorts will be of suitable break horsepower (BHP) to provide positive control. Pilots may have additional requirements not mandated by the COTP as part of this PCIB.

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